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Ex-Bulgarian diplomat Ivan Asen Christof Georgiev weeps as he tells Sofia court he is guilty of charges of spying for CIA. U.S. has protested mob violence by 3,000 Bulgarians who smashed U.S. legation windows in Sofia.

## Spy's N.Y. 'Link' Puzzled by It All

By MARVIN HILTON

Ask Helen Goodell if she is an important link in the American espionage setup and all the gray-haired medical researcher can do is blush and stammer, "Me? Good Lord, NO. All this is just amazing. Its so exciting, I'm still all aflutter."

Miss Goodell, research assistant in physiology at New York Hospital for 12 years was accused of being a cloak and dagger operative for the U. S. by Ivan Asen Christof Georgiev, the former Bulgarian diplomat who pleaded guilty to spying for the U. S. in 1951.

Georgiev told a Sofia court that the CIA had instructed him to write a letter to Miss Goodell, 40 W. 11th St. of New York City, ever he had been in New York.

The letter, Miss Goodell said, was a request for information. She said she had never met Georgiev and had no idea who he was. She said she had never met Georgiev and had no idea who he was.

"I've been at the same job for 32 years and lived in the same apartment for 28 years. I just can't imagine where he got my unless..."

She then recounted her experience with a patient of a doctor she worked for six or seven years ago. The patient, she remembered, was a Bulgarian who worked at the UN.

"The first time he came to the doctor's office he had two men with him," she said. "I even joked with the nurse that maybe they were his bodyguards."

The doctor was a new one who specialized in pediatric medicine.

"I spoke to him several times on the phone and the doctor sent him pills once or twice a year until three or four years ago," she recalled.

Then lowering her voice she said confidentially, "They were really only sugar with a colored coating. I think he was under a great deal of tension and needed reassurance."

Miss Goodell was described by a neighbor as a "friendly person who liked everyone," an "almost naive person." She was really not very worldly. She was engrossed mainly in her work and her friends. This espionage business sounds ridiculous, impossible, incredible.

Clasping her hands tightly together on her lap, Miss Goodell tried to recall anything else in her past that might have somehow linked her with Georgiev.

"The only other remote connection with this espionage thing was when I helped care for Allen Dulles Jr., who was treated here for injuries suffered in Korea," she said. "But my goodness I never even met his father."

Allen Dulles Sr. was formerly head of the CIA.